NETWORK PACKET ANALYSIS USING WIRESHARK

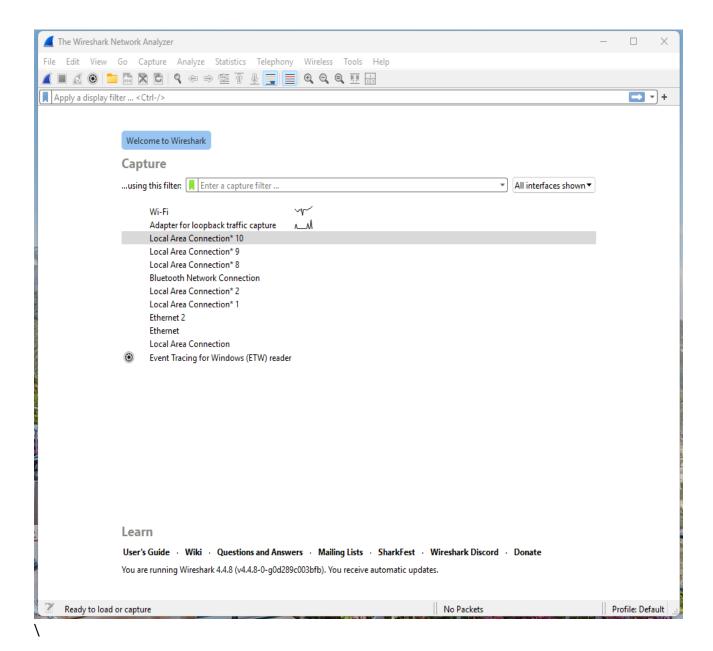
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TOPIC - NETWORK SECURITY ANALYSIS

SETUP

Capture Interface : WiFi (en0)
 No of packets Captured : 15545
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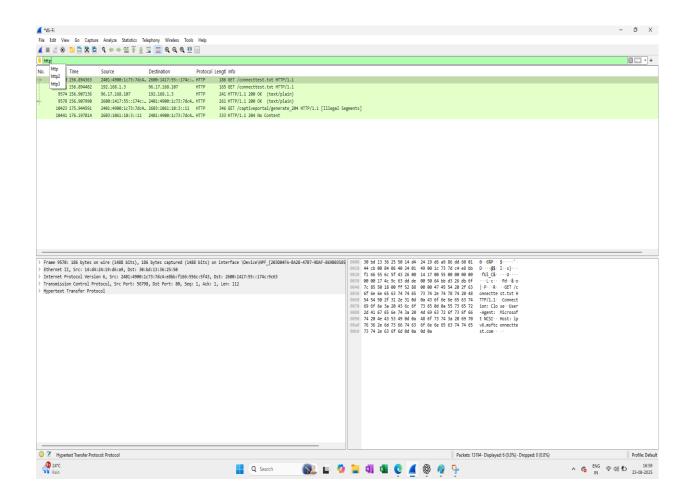


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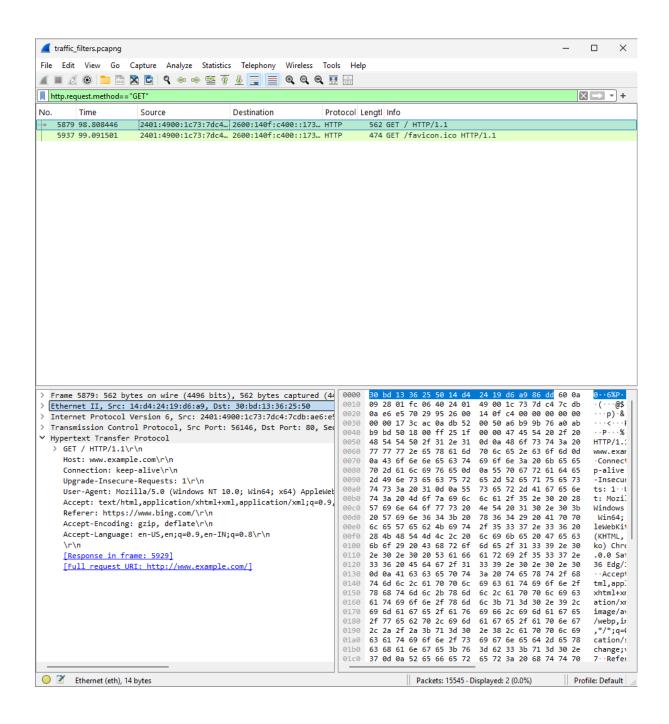
HTTP Filters

1) Filter Used: http

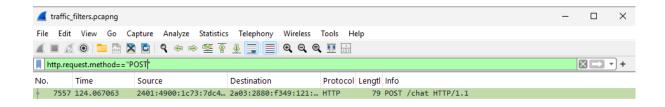
- Observation: Captures all HTTP traffic (requests and responses).
- **Security Risk:** HTTP is unencrypted; attackers can sniff usernames, passwords, and data.
- Recommendation: Replace HTTP with HTTPS; block plaintext HTTP if possible.

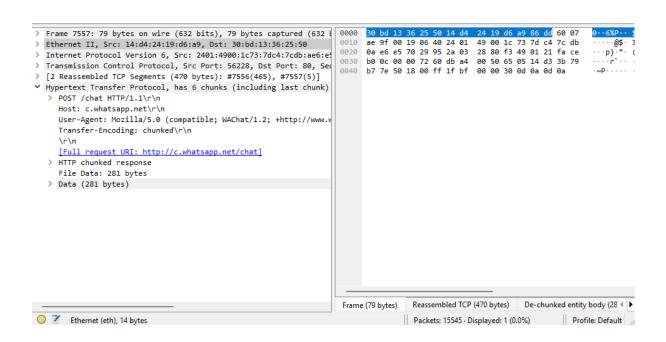


- 2) Filter Used: http.request.method == "GET"
- Observation: Shows all GET requests (retrieving resources).
- Security Risk: Sensitive information may be leaked in URL query strings (e.g., tokens, session IDs).
- Recommendation: Avoid sending sensitive data in GET requests; enforce POST with encryption.

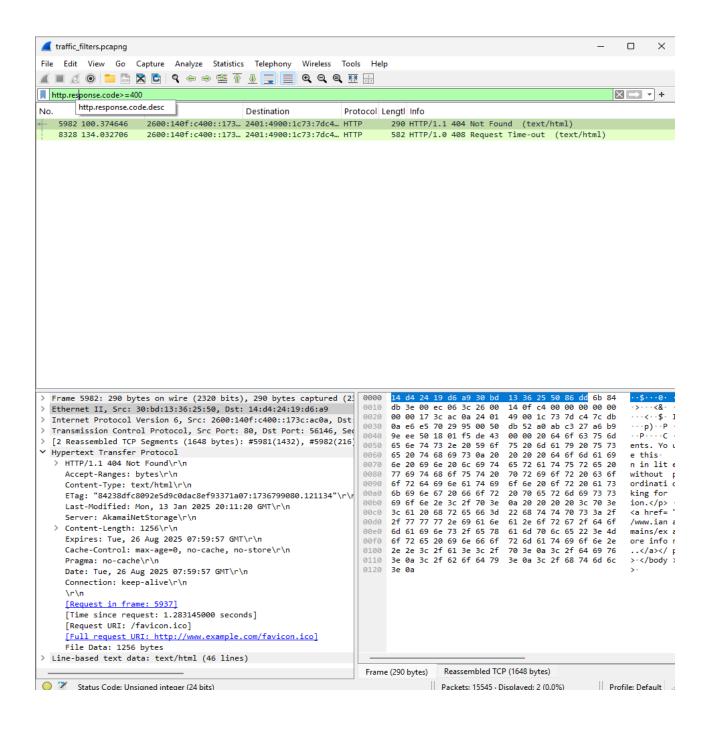


- 3) Filter Used: http.request.method == "POST"
- Observation: Captures POST requests (data submissions).
- **Security Risk:** If unencrypted, sensitive form data (credentials, personal data) may be exposed.
- Recommendation: Ensure POST requests are always sent via HTTPS.





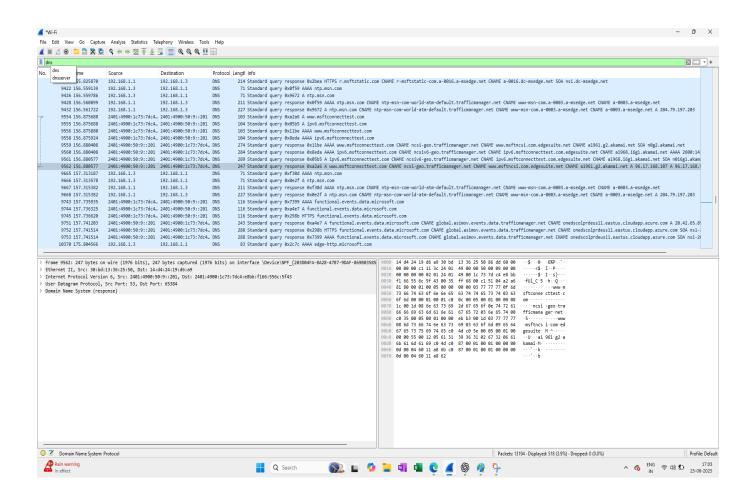
- 4) Filter Used: http.response.code >= 400
- **Observation:** Identifies error responses (client and server errors).
- Security Risk: Frequent 500-series errors may expose server misconfigurations; 404 scans could indicate reconnaissance attempts.
- Recommendation: Monitor error patterns and harden servers against scans.



DNS Filters

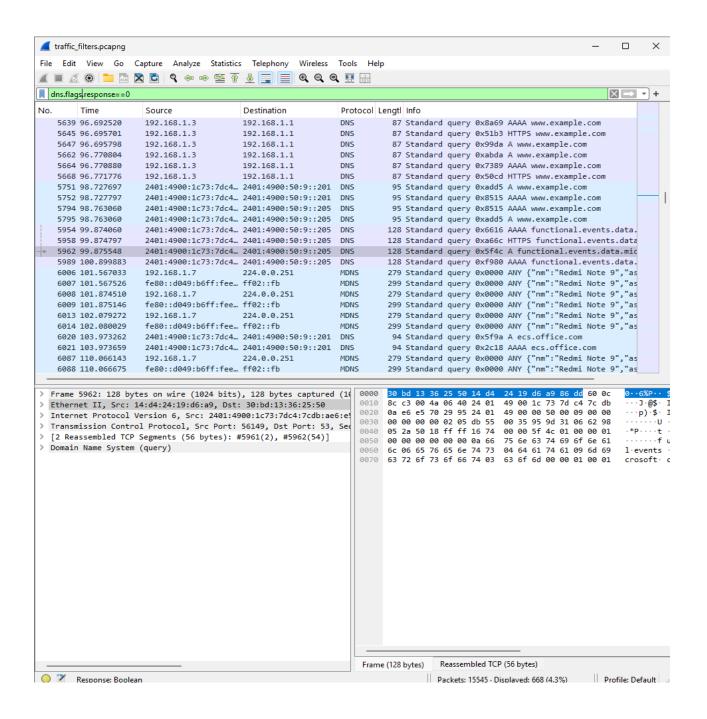
1) Filter Used: dns

- Observation: Captures all DNS queries and responses.
- Security Risk: Attackers can perform DNS tunneling or track domains being queried.
- Recommendation: Enable DNSSEC or encrypted DNS (DoH/DoT).

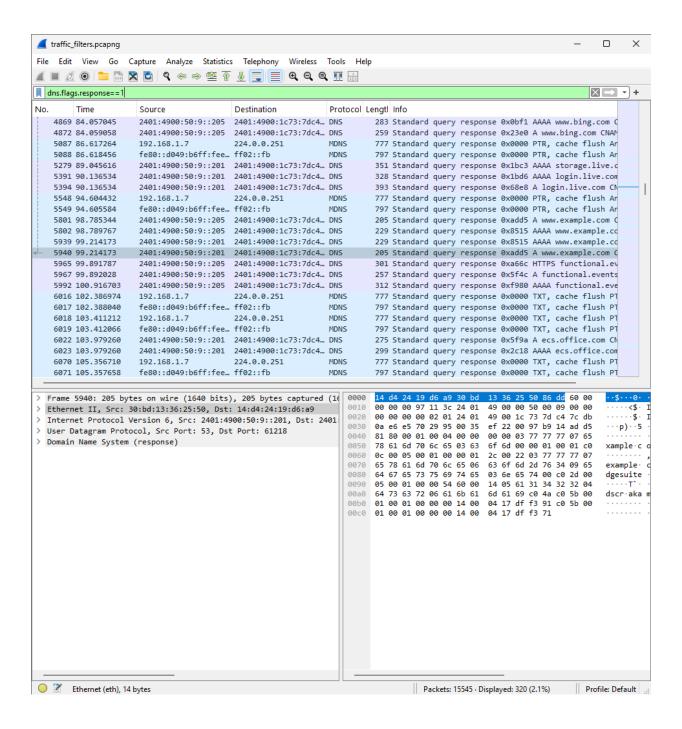


2) Filter Used: dns.flags.response == 0

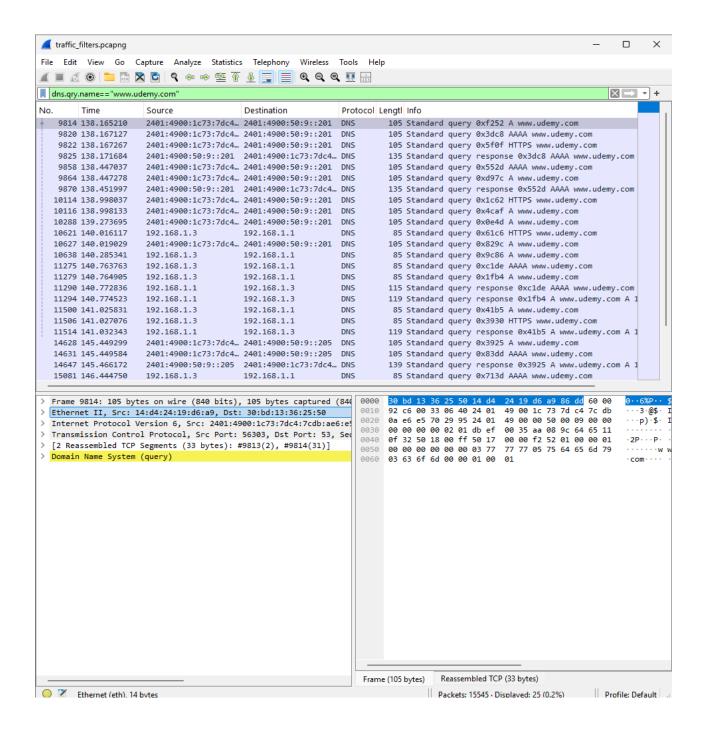
- Observation: Shows DNS queries.
- Security Risk: High query volume may indicate malware beaconing to C2 domains.
- Recommendation: Monitor unusual query spikes and block suspicious domains.



- 3) Filter Used: dns.flags.response == 1
 - Observation: Shows DNS responses.
 - Security Risk: Malicious responses can redirect users to fake IPs (DNS spoofing).
 - Recommendation: Use DNSSEC and trusted resolvers.



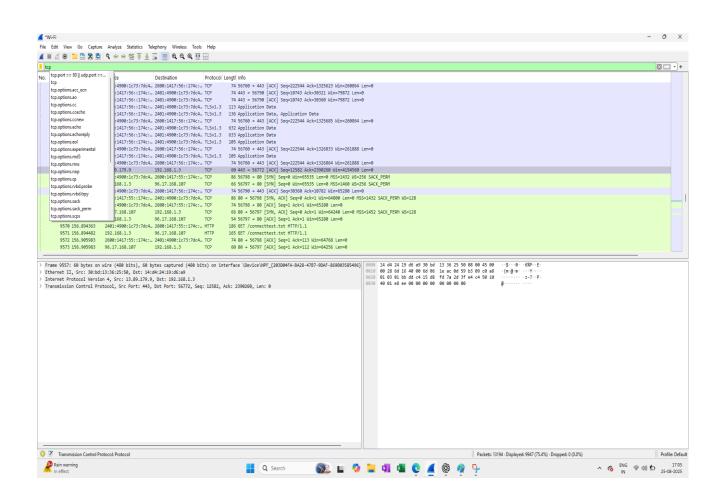
- **4)Filter Used:** dns.qry.name == "www.example.com"
 - **Observation:** Filters queries for a specific domain.
 - Security Risk: Could reveal targeted reconnaissance on particular domains.
 - Recommendation: Monitor sensitive domains frequently queried inside the network.



TCP Filters

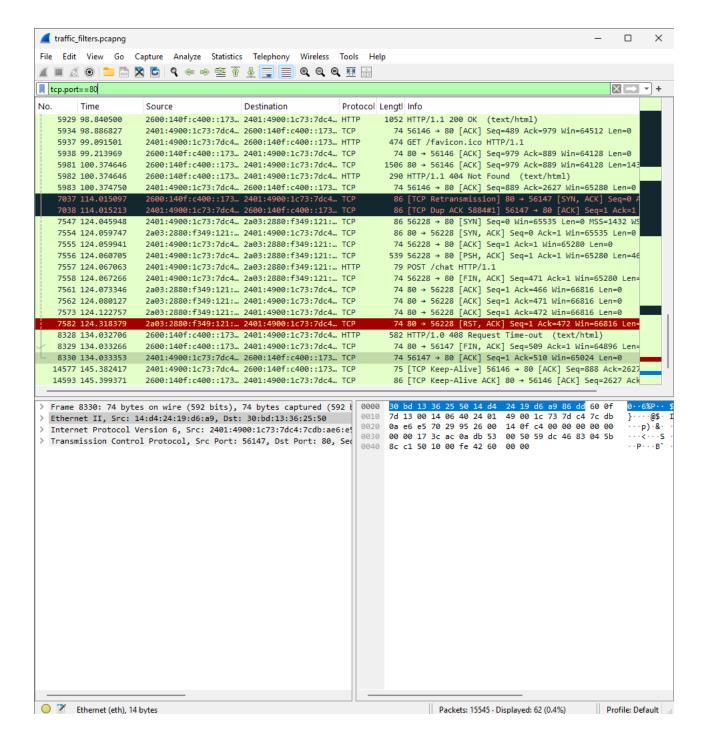
Filter Used: tcp

- Observation: Captures all TCP traffic.
- Security Risk: High traffic volume could hide scans, brute-force attempts, or data exfiltration.
- Recommendation: Baseline normal TCP traffic; alert on anomalies.



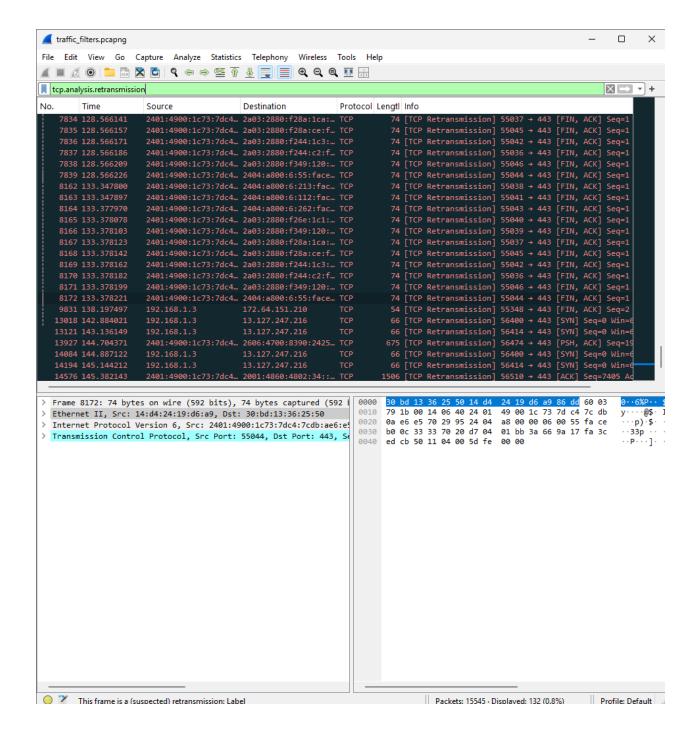
Filter Used: tcp.port == 80

- Observation: Captures traffic on port 80 (HTTP).
- Security Risk: Plaintext communication vulnerable to sniffing or man-inthe-middle attacks.
- Recommendation: Redirect all port 80 traffic to HTTPS (443).



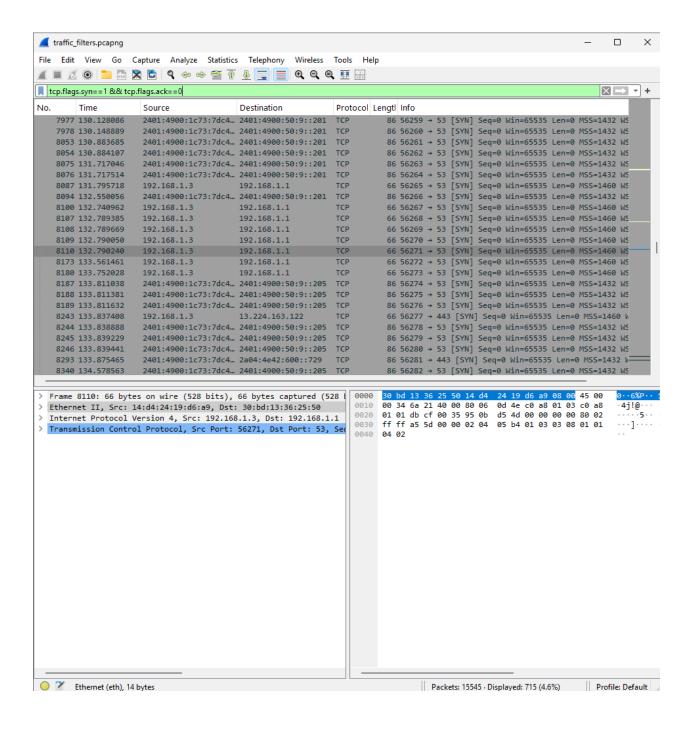
Filter Used: tcp.analysis.retransmission

- Observation: Identifies TCP retransmissions (potential packet loss or congestion).
- Security Risk: May indicate DoS attacks, poor network quality, or misconfigured devices.
- **Recommendation:** Investigate high retransmission rates; optimize routing/firewall rules.



Filter Used: tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0

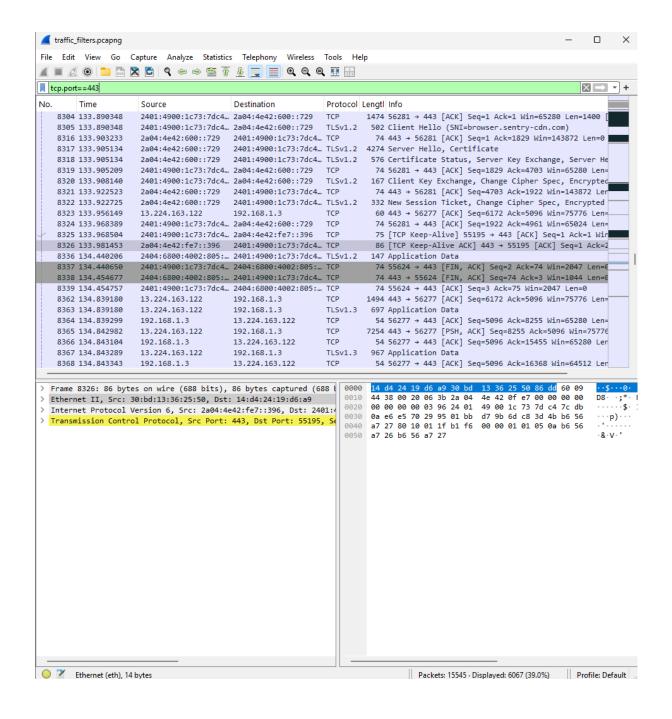
- Observation: Captures initial SYN packets (connection attempts).
- Security Risk: A high volume of SYN packets may indicate SYN flood (DoS attack).
- Recommendation: Deploy SYN cookies and monitor for abnormal SYN patterns.



TLS/HTTPS Filters

Filter Used: tcp.port == 443

- Observation: Captures HTTPS traffic.
- Security Risk: Content is encrypted, but metadata (IP, SNI, timing) can still leak info.
- Recommendation: Inspect TLS metadata; ensure modern cipher suites.



Filter Used: ssl.handshake

- Observation: Captures TLS handshake messages (certificates, key exchange).
- Security Risk: Weak ciphers or expired certificates weaken encryption.
- **Recommendation:** Enforce TLS 1.2+ and disable weak ciphers.

